

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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**TO:** The Honorable Board of Police Commissioners

**FROM:** Chief of Police

**SUBJECT:** RECLASSIFICATION OF IN-CUSTODY DEATH INVESTIGATION,  
FORCE INVESTIGATION DIVISION REPORT NO. F005-20

On Monday, January 13, 2020, at approximately 1021 hours, Southeast Patrol Division uniformed Police Officers II Ryan Nichols, Serial No. 42081, and Philip Gray, Serial No. 42065, took custody of Laila Safdari after she was placed under a private person's arrest for misdemeanor trespass, section 602 (O) (2) of the California Penal Code. During the arrest, Safdari disclosed to the officers a preexisting medical condition and told officers she had ulcers.

At 1200 hours, the officers transported Safdari to 77<sup>th</sup> Regional Jail Section (RJS) for booking. During the booking process, Safdari was seen at the 77<sup>th</sup> RJS dispensary for ulcers. Safdari was examined by medical personnel and medically cleared for booking. At 1330 hours, Safdari complained of stomach cramps. Medical personnel examined Safdari and prescribed her Zantac medication twice a day. Medical personnel administered Safdari with the dose of Zantac medication. Approximately eleven hours later, Safdari refused her second dose of the Zantac medication.

As required by the California Code of Regulations, Title 15, section 1027, hourly safety checks of Safdari were conducted throughout her detention at 77<sup>th</sup> RJS. Safdari did not display signs of distress during the safety checks.

On Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 0600 hours, detention officers requested Safdari to get up and get ready for court transportation. Safdari refused to get up, told detention officers she did not feel well and asked for pain medication. Detention officers utilized a wheelchair and transported Safdari to the dispensary.

According to the dispensary staff, when Safdari arrived at the dispensary, she was conscious and breathing, but was not responsive. Dispensary staff was unable to obtain Safdari's blood pressure or oxygen reading, and Safdari stopped breathing. Safdari was moved from the wheelchair and placed onto the floor. The dispensary staff and detention officers attempted to resuscitate Safdari utilizing Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and a portable defibrillator. Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) personnel arrived and continued life-saving efforts to revive Safdari. At 0712 hours, Safdari was declared deceased by LAFD paramedics.

Force Investigation Division (FID) investigators arrived on scene and began an in-custody death investigation. The FID investigation, which included numerous civilian and sworn personnel interviews, determined that no force was used on Safdari.

On Friday, January 17, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner Deputy Medical Examiner Doctor Scott Luzi performed the post-mortem examination of Safdari's remains. During the autopsy, Doctor Luzi noted Safdari had a perforated ulcer of the stomach with blood in her small intestine and free fluid in her abdomen. No other evidence of trauma or foul play was found during the autopsy.

Doctor Luzi determined Safdari died of peritonitis due to a perforated peptic ulcer (Septic Poisoning). Other contributing factors were hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. Doctor Luzi ascribed the manner of death was natural.

Per Department policy outlined in Special Order No. 18, dated August 6, 2020, it is recommended this in-custody death investigation be reclassified to a death investigation for the following reasons:

- The Los Angeles County Department of Coroner determined that Safdari died of natural causes;
- There was no use of force or evidence of foul play during the incident;
- There was no misconduct which would rise to the level of negligence or risk/management issues associated with the incident to include: commission of a criminal offense, neglect of duty, violation of Department policies, rules, or procedures, conduct which may tend to reflect unfavorably upon the employee or the Department;
- The investigation determined that there were no violations of Department policies and procedures which directly led to Safdari's death;
- The toxicology analysis was not a factor; and,
- The investigation determined no problematic evidence or seriously-conflicting witness statements regarding the incident.

On May 21, 2020, an informal copy of this Intradepartmental Correspondence and relevant addenda items were presented to the Office of the Inspector General for review. Assistant Inspector General Django Sibley concurred with the finding that this investigation be reclassified to a death investigation.

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact Commander Timothy Nordquist, Force Investigation Group (FIG), at (213) 486-5230.

Respectfully,

  
MICHEL R. MOORE  
Chief of Police

Date: 10-13-20

Attachments

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION

CORONER CASE NUMBER  
2020-04966

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DATE THIS REPORT <b>10/7/2020</b>	DATE ORIGINAL RPT. <b>1/14/2020</b>	SPECIFIC TYPE OF ORIGINAL RPT. (ADW, TFV, EVID., ARREST/BURG., ETC.) <b>Death Investigation</b>	RD <b>1258</b>	DR NO. <b>2012-04966</b>
VICTIM BOOKED TO / ARRESTEE (AS ON ORIGINAL REPORT) <b>Safdari, Laila</b>		IF RECLASSIFYING TO HOMICIDE SEX / DESCENT / AGE VICT'S	BKG NO. (SUPPL. TO ARREST)	WORK FOLDER PERIOD ORIG. RPT. / INDEX NO.
<b>CASE STATUS</b> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> CLEARED BY ARREST 2 <input type="checkbox"/> CLEARED OTHER 3 <input type="checkbox"/> REPORT UNFOUNDED 4 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INVESTIGATION CONTINUED				

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**NARRATIVE (USE BELOW COLUMNS FOR MULTIPLE REPORTS ONLY)**

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**Correction**

On June 30, 2020, a Follow Up Investigation Report (Form 3.14) documenting the reclassification of an In-Custody Death Investigation to a Death Investigation was completed, approved and processed by Records and Identification Division (R&I). The Follow Up Report cited Department policy outlined in Special Order No. 10, dated May 10, 2010, as the reason the case met the criteria for reclassification.

Please correct the Follow Up Report to reflect the case met the criteria for reclassification per new Department policy outlined in Special Order No. 18, dated August 6, 2020.

- The Los Angeles County Department of Coroner determined the death was of natural causes;
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**Case Status**

INVESTIGATION CONTINUED/ CASE CLOSED.

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SUPERVISOR APPROVING <i>[Signature]</i>	SERIAL NO. <b>25501</b>	REPORTING OFFICER(S) <b>DET. MIGUEL BARAJAS</b>	SERIAL NO. <b>35885</b>
DATE & TIME REPRODUCED	DIVISION	REPORTING OFFICER(S) <b>DET. GUILLERMO MEDINA</b>	SERIAL NO. <b>35905</b>
	CLERK		DIVISION <b>FID</b>

LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION

CORONER CASE NUMBER  
2020-04966

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DATE THIS REPORT <b>6/30/2020</b>	DATE ORIGINAL RPT <b>1/14/2020</b>	SPECIFIC TYPE OF ORIGINAL RPT. (ADW, TFV, EVID., ARREST/BURG., ETC.) <b>Death Investigation</b>	RD <b>1258</b>	DR NO. <b>2012-04966</b>
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P/T/D	MULTIPLE RPT: DR NOS.	TYPE OF CRIME	RD	VICTIM'S NAME	DATE ORIG. RPT	VALUE
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Natural Death / Case Closed

On Tuesday, January 14, 2020, Force Investigation Division (FID) Officer-In-Charge Lieutenant II Damian Gutierrez, Serial No. 30050, Detective III Kevin Huff, Serial No. 34099, Detectives II Miguel Barajas, Serial No. 35885, Thomas Brown, Serial No. 34045, John Macchiarella, Serial No. 35095, Stephanie Carrillo, Serial No. 35791, and Guillermo Medina, Serial No. 35905, responded to an In-Custody Death Investigation (ICD) at 77<sup>th</sup> Regional Jail Section (77<sup>th</sup> RJS). The FID investigation included civilian and sworn personnel interviews, review of Officers' Body Worn Video (BWV), Digital In-Car Video System (DICVS) and 77<sup>th</sup> RJS surveillance video, revealed the following:

Investigation

On Monday, January 13, 2020, at approximately, 0934 hours, Southeast Patrol Division uniformed Police Officers II Ryan Nichols, Serial No. 42081, and Philip Gray, Serial No. 42065, responded to a radio call for a Burglary suspect there now at 9219 South Central Avenue. Upon their arrival, officers met with Jose Lopez outside the building premises. Lopez identified himself as the maintenance worker and indicated that the Person Reporting (PR), Shirley Santiago, was the property manager. Santiago called the police, but was not on scene.

Lopez further informed the officers that the property was vacant and that a female transient refused to leave the premises. The female transient who was later identified as arrestee Laila Safdari had been previously warned to leave the premises by Lopez. Lopez told officers that he wanted a second female transient located to the rear of the property removed and warned not to return.

While at the scene, Officer Gray spoke with Santiago via a telephone. Santiago indicated that she wanted Safdari placed on a private person arrest for trespassing because she had been previously warned not to return. Santiago requested the second female be removed from the property and warned not to return. Santiago directed Lopez to sign the Private Person's Arrest (PPA) form for Safdari's arrest.

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DATE & TIME REPRODUCED	DIVISION <b>CLERK</b>	REPORTING OFFICER(S) <b>DET. GUILLERMO MEDINA</b>	SERIAL NO. DIVISION <b>35905 FID</b>

Officers Gray and Nichols entered the property and located Safdari. According to Officer Gray, Safdari appeared to have been sleeping. Officer Gray stated Safdari was slow and sluggish when he ordered her to stand up and walk outside. Safdari complained of a preexisting medical condition and told Officer Gray she had ulcers. Officer Gray stated he offered Safdari an ambulance, but she did not indicate she needed one, which led him believe Safdari was medically okay. The officers escorted Safdari outside of the building. Once outside, Officers Gray and Nichols handcuffed Safdari without incident and arrested her for violation of California Penal Code section 602(O)(2) Trespass. The second female was identified as Shereta Murray. The officers escorted Murray off the property and warned her not to return.

Officers Nichols and Gray transported Safdari to Southeast Area station for processing. At the station, the officers requested that female Police Officer II Velvet Davis, Serial No. 43243, conduct a pat-down search of Safdari. There was no contraband or weapons recovered during the search. Safdari was logged into the Adult Detention Log and presented to Southeast Patrol Watch Commander, Sergeant II Shannon Hale, Serial No. 30704. Sergeant Hale interviewed Safdari and asked the three required intake questions from the Adult Detention Log. Sergeant Hale documented Safdari's responses on the Adult Detention Log. According to the log, Sergeant Hale interviewed Safdari on January 13, 2020, at 1055 hours. Safdari understood why she was arrested, indicated she had ulcers and did not have any questions or concerns. Additionally, Officer Gray completed the Arrestee Medical Screening Form and documented Safdari had a preexisting medical condition affiliated with ulcers. Once Officers Nichols and Gray completed the required paperwork, they logged Safdari out from the Adult Detention Log at 1150 hours and transported her to 77<sup>th</sup> RJS for booking.

**Note:** Force Investigation Division detectives reviewed Officers Nichols' and Gray's BWV and DICVS. The video recordings were consistent with the officers' accounts of the incident.

Per 77<sup>th</sup> RJS surveillance video, Officers Nichols and Grey arrived at 77<sup>th</sup> RJS at 1200 hours. Safdari entered the jail and did not require assistance walking. The officers provided the booking paperwork to a detention officer and advised her that Safdari needed to be seen by the dispensary medical staff for ulcers. At 1205 hours, Senior Detention Officer Marissa Lopez, Serial No. N1655, cleared Safdari for rapid booking process. Safdari was screened at the 77<sup>th</sup> RJS Dispensary by the on-duty Registered Nurse (RN), Ashley Pintarelli.

According to Pintarelli, she examined Safdari and conducted her medical assessment. Pintarelli indicated that Safdari disclosed to her that she had a history of stomach ulcers, but was not taking prescription medication. Safdari added she self-treated her ulcers with warm water and baking soda. Pintarelli stated Safdari did not appear to be in pain or medical distress, her vital signs were stable, and she medically cleared her for booking.

**Note:** Officers Nichols and Grey documentend Safdari's arrest on Los Angeles Police Department Arrest Report, Divisional Report No. 2018-04638, and booking No. 5846395.

After being cleared for booking, Safdari was provided with a shower and placed in Holding Tank No. 17. At approximately 1315 hours, Detention Officer Ngabon Sekiyoba, Serial No. N6202, removed Safdari from the holding tank to complete the Live Scan fingerprint. According to Sekiyoba, as he began to Live Scan Safdari, she complained of abdominal pain and sat on the floor. Detention Officer Sekiyoba requested a female detention officer to respond for assistance. Detention Officer Mayra Ferman, Serial No. N5155, responded, with a wheelchair and assisted Safdari off the floor onto the wheelchair.

Registered Nurse Pintarelli walked through the female section booking and fingerprint area and observed Safdari sitting in a wheelchair complaining of stomach pain. Safdari advised Pintarelli that she was having stomach cramps. Pintarelli returned to the dispensary and advised Nurse Practitioner Frank Torres of Safdari's condition. According to Torres, he and Pintarelli walked to the female booking area, where he conducted a medical assessment of Safdari. According to Torres, Safdari denied having nausea, vomiting, throwing up blood, or bloody stools, which are symptoms of ulcers. Torres ordered Safdari to be placed on Zantac medication twice a

day and also ordered Pintarelli to give her two Tums tablets to reduce the acid in her stomach. Per Torres, Zantac is an antacid medication that helps reduce acid in the stomach.

Pintarelli administered Safdari with the dose of Zantac and observed her ingest the pill. Pintarelli also administered Safdari two Tums tablets, but Safdari spat out the Tums tablets. Pintarelli advised Safdari to let any detention officers know if she did not feel better.

According to Detention Officer Sekiyoba, after Safdari ingested the medication, she was returned to Holding Tank No. 17 to rest and for the medicine to take effect.

**Note:** Force Investigation Division detectives reviewed the 77<sup>th</sup> RJS surveillance video. The video recordings were consistent with Detention Officers Sekiyoba, Ferman, as well as RN Pintarelli and Nurse Practitioner Torres' account of the incident.

Per Detention Officer Nancy Voge, Serial No. N4977, while Safdari was in Holding Tank No. 17, she placed four female arrestees in the same tank on separate occasions and observed Safdari lying on the floor. Voge asked Safdari if she was okay, and Safdari responded she was okay, but sleepy. Detention Officer Voge stated there were no signs of distress and added it was not unusual for arrestees to lay on the floor to sleep because the floor feels warmer than the benches, which are made of metal.

According to the 77<sup>th</sup> RJS Booking Area Custody Services Observation Record, safety checks of Holding Tank No. 17, as required by the California Code of Regulations, Title 15, section 1027, were conducted. The safety checks, which require two checks every hour, were documented starting on January 13, 2020, at 1201 hours, through 1726 hours.

At 1745 hours, Principal Detention Officer Deborah Humphrey, Serial No. V8234, removed Safdari from Holding Tank No. 17 and provided her with a wheelchair. Detention Officer Humphrey stated she wanted to ensure Safdari was processed and fingerprinted before the watch shift ended at 1830 hours. Detention Officers Sekiyoba and Humphrey completed the Live Scan fingerprint and booking photograph of Safdari. Once the fingerprinting and photograph were completed, Detention Officer Christian Martinez, Serial No. N6186, utilized the wheelchair and transported Safdari to the female section Cell Block B-1 on the second floor for housing. Safdari remained in Cell Block B-1 until the following morning.

**Note:** Force Investigation Division detectives reviewed the 77<sup>th</sup> RJS surveillance video. The video recordings were consistent with Detention Officers Sekiyoba, Voge, Humphrey, and Martinez' account of their interaction with Safdari.

At 1830 hours, Detention Officers Rosalind Bowie, Serial No. N5057, and Emmer Burrus, Serial No. N1945, were assigned to female security to monitor female arrestees in Cell Block B-1. According to Detention Officer Burrus, at approximately 1900 hours, their supervisor, Principal Detention Officer Edin Lucero-Chang, Serial No. G9220, and Detention Officer Bowie, conducted the first safety check of the shift in Cell Block B-1. Detention Officers Bowie and Burrus indicated they conducted safety checks throughout their shift as required by the California Code of Regulations, Title 15, section 1027. Detention Officers Bowie and Burrus added Safdari appeared okay, and there were no signs of distress.

**Note:** Per the 77<sup>th</sup> RJS Female Security Custody Services Observation Record, Detention Officers Bowie and Burrus conducted safety checks of Cell Block B-1, beginning on Monday, January 13, 2020, at 1853 hours. Bowie and Burrus conducted safety checks twice an hour throughout their 12-hour shift with the last safety check on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 0627 hours.



According to the 77<sup>th</sup> RJS surveillance video, on Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at 0022 hours, RN Paul Yambao entered Cell Block B-1 and stood near the door. Yambao spoke with Safdari, who was in the lower bunk just a few feet from the door. According to Yambao, Safdari was due for her second dose of Zantac. Yambao indicated Safdari appeared to be asleep, and he did not observe any signs of distress. Yambao awakened Safdari and advised her it was time for her to take medicine, but she declined to take it.

Yambao added medical staff could not force inmates to take medication. At 0340 hours, Safdari was served breakfast and a carton of orange juice. Safdari drank from her orange juice and placed it at the edge of her bunk.

At 0600 hours, Detention Officer Bowie opened the door to Cell Block B-1 and spoke with Safdari. Safdari lay in the bunk, turned her head, and faced Bowie. According to Detention Officer Bowie, she woke Safdari up, and asked her to get up and get ready because she was going to be transported to court. Detention Officer Bowie stated Safdari refused to get up for court and asked for pain medication. Detention Officer Bowie called the dispensary and advised RN Griselda Leui that Safdari was requesting pain medication.

According to RN Leui, she reviewed Safdari's medical chart and noticed that Safdari refused the dose of Zantac medication, which was due at midnight. Leui responded to Cell Block B-1 and spoke with Safdari. Leui asked Safdari if she was in pain. Safdari replied that her head hurt, but she did not need medication. Safdari also advised Leui that she vomited. Leui stated she observed orange juice on the floor and believed Safdari had vomited. Leui stated she instructed the detention officers to take Safdari to the dispensary so she could give Safdari an injection for the vomiting.

**Note:** Per the 77<sup>th</sup> RJS surveillance video, at 0517 hours, Safdari lay in the bunk with an orange juice carton at the edge of the bunk. Safdari knocked over the orange juice carton with her foot and spilled the juice on the floor. The video recordings did not capture Safdari vomiting.

According to Senior Detention Officer Catalina Alvarado, Serial No. N1646, she was informed that Safdari refused to get up for court transportation. Alvarado walked to Cell Block B-1 to see if she could convince Safdari to get up for court. Alvarado indicated Safdari advised her she did not feel well and did not want to go to court. Alvarado advised Safdari she was taking her to the dispensary to see the doctor and directed Detention Officer Dmetric Bradley, Serial No. N3548, to get a wheelchair to take Safdari to the dispensary. Alvarado assisted Safdari onto the wheelchair. Detention Officers Badley and Alvarado transported Safdari to the dispensary. Alvarado stated as they rode the elevator down to the dispensary, she noticed that Safdari was having difficulty breathing.

**Note:** Force Investigation Division detectives reviewed the 77<sup>th</sup> RJS surveillance video. The video recordings were consistent with Detention Officers Bowie, Buruss, Alvarado, and Bradley's as well as Register Nurses Yambao and Leui's account of the incident.

According to RN Leui, when Safdari arrived at the dispensary, she was seated in the wheelchair, moaning. Leui asked Safdari where her pain was, but Safdari did not respond and just moaned. Leui attempted to get Safdari's vital signs and called for Nurse Yambao and the doctor to assist her.

According to Doctor Wendy Leskiw, when Safdari arrived at the dispensary, she was conscious and breathing, but was not responsive. Safdari had a pulse, but her blood pressure was low, she was cold, and her skin was pale. Doctor Leski directed Detention Officer Alvarado to call 911 and request an ambulance. Doctor Leskiw stated they were unable to get Safdari's blood pressure or oxygen reading, and Safdari stopped breathing within a minute. Safdari was moved from the wheelchair and placed on the floor. The dispensary staff and detention officers attempted to resuscitate Safdari utilizing Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and a portable defibrillator.



Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) Rescue Ambulance (RA) No. 33, staffed by Firefighter Paramedics Matthew Navarro and Beau Porter arrived and continued life-saving efforts to revive Safdari. Firefighter Paramedic Beau called California Hospital Medical Center to confirm that all life-saving measures were exhausted. Safdari was declared dead by Firefighter Paramedic Beau at 0712 hours.

At approximately 0800 hours, FID personnel were notified of the in-custody death and responded to 77<sup>th</sup> RJS and initiated an In-Custody Death investigation. Detective Brown, the designated crime scene manager, notified the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner of the death. At approximately 1300 hours, Coroner Investigator Ryan Benavidez-Parras responded to the scene, conducted his investigation, and removed Safdari's remains.

The officers, detention officers, and witnesses interviewed for this investigation indicated that Safdari was cooperative, compliant, and no force was used during her arrest or detention at 77<sup>th</sup> RJS.

### Conclusion

On Friday, January 17, 2020, the Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner Deputy Medical Examiner Doctor Scott Luzi performed the post-mortem examination of Safdari's remains. During the autopsy, Doctor Luzi noted Safdari had a perforated ulcer of the stomach with blood in her small intestine and free fluid in her abdomen. No other evidence of trauma or foul play was found during the autopsy.

Doctor Luzi determined Safdari died of peritonitis due to a perforated peptic ulcer (Septic Poisoning). Other contributing factors were hypertensive and atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. Doctor Luzi ascribed the manner of death was natural.

Per Department policy outlined in Special Order No. 10, dated May 10, 2010, this investigation did not meet the criteria for a Categorical Use of Force and is being reclassified from an In-Custody Death Investigation to a Death Investigation for the following reasons:

- The Los Angeles County Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner determined that Safdari died of natural causes;
- There was no use of force or evidence of foul play during the incident;
- No issues of misconduct or violations of Department policies or procedures were identified;
- No Department personnel, at any time, engaged in any actions that were identified as a contributing factor (s) to Safdari's death;
- The investigation determined no problematic evidence or seriously conflicting witness statements regarding the incident.

### Case Status

INVESTIGATION CONTINUED/ CASE CLOSED.

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## AUTOPSY REPORT

No.  
2020-00413  
LAILA SAFDARI

I performed an autopsy on the body of

at the DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER

Los Angeles, California on 17 January 2020 at 0900 hours.  
(Date) (Time)

From the anatomic findings and pertinent history I ascribe the death to:

PERITONITIS

PERFORATED PEPTIC ULCER.

HYPERTENSIVE AND ATHEROSCLEROTIC CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE.

## Anatomic Summary :

- I. Major injuries: none
- II. Minor injuries
  - A. Abrasion, face
  - B. Abrasion, chest
  - C. Abrasions and contusions, extremities
- III. Natural disease and pre-existing conditions
  - A. Purulent ascites
  - B. Pulmonary congestion and edema
  - C. Cardiomegaly
  - D. Moderate coronary atherosclerosis
  - E. Mild to moderate peripheral atherosclerosis
  - F. Nephrosclerosis
  - G. Chronic gastritis
  - H. Perforated peptic ulcer

**12****AUTOPSY REPORT**

No.

8020-00415

LAILA SAJDARI

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**CIRCUMSTANCES** "see investigator report form #3"

**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION**

The body is identified by toe tags and is that of an un-embalmed refrigerated light color skin middle age adult female who appears older than the reported age of 49 years. The body weighs 125 pounds and measures 67 inches in length and is well built and well nourished. The skin has no identifying marks. Rigor mortis is not present. Livor mortis is present and fixed on the posterior surfaces of the body.

The head is symmetric and covered by gray-black color hair. There is no balding and the hair can be described as long and straight. Examination of the eyes reveals irides that appear to be brown in color and sclerae that are white. There are no petechial hemorrhages of the conjunctivae of the lids or the sclerae. The oro-nasal passages are unobstructed. The upper and lower teeth are mostly absent or broken. The neck is unremarkable.

There is no chest deformity. There is no increased anterior-posterior diameter. The abdomen is flat with a fluid wave. The genitalia are those of an adult female and unremarkable. The back is symmetric. The buttocks and anus are unremarkable.

The extremities have no edema, joint deformity, or abnormal motility.

**EVIDENCE OF THERAPEUTIC INTERVENTION**

Medical intervention present on or within the body at the time of autopsy includes: oral endotracheal intubation, cardiac monitor leads on the anterior torso, and evidence of cardiopulmonary resuscitation attempt (anterior rib fractures). Needle punctures are present on the right forearm and left antecubital fossa.

**CLOTHING**

The body is not clothed, but accompanying the body is a blue shirt

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## AUTOPSY REPORT

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LAILA SAFDARI

Page 3**EVIDENCE OF INJURY**

There are no major (acute, life-threatening) injuries. Minor (acute, non-life-threatening) injuries include a 0.3 cm abrasion on the right side of the mouth, a 0.9 x 0.5 cm abrasion on the left chest, two abrasions, 0.6 and 0.9 cm in greatest dimension, on the right elbow, a 0.9 x 0.3 cm abrasion on the left elbow, a 0.6 x 0.3 cm abrasion on the posterior left forearm, and three contusions ranging from 0.5 to 3 cm in greatest dimension on left leg.

**INITIAL INCISION**

The body cavities are entered through the standard "Y"-shaped incision.

**NECK**

The neck organs are removed en bloc with the tongue. Lesions are not present and there is no trauma of the gingiva, lips, and oral mucosa. There is no edema of the larynx. The hyoid bone and larynx are intact. Hemorrhage is not present in the adjacent throat organs, investing fascia, strap muscles, thyroid, or visceral fascia. There are no pre-vertebral fascial hemorrhages. Sectioning the tongue reveals no lesions.

**CHEST AND ABDOMINAL CAVITY**

The right and left pleural cavities contain 50 ml of sero-sanguineous fluid each. There are no pleural adhesions. The parietal pleurae are intact and there is no evidence of a tension pneumothorax. The lungs are well expanded. The soft tissues of the thoracic and abdominal wall are well preserved. Examination of the breasts reveals no abnormalities. The organs of the abdominal cavity are in the expected locations and none are absent. The peritoneal cavity contains 1000 ml of brown, cloudy fluid with clusters of purulent material. There are no peritoneal adhesions.

**SYSTEMIC AND ORGAN REVIEW****MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM**

No abnormalities of the bony framework and muscles are present. There is no kyphosis or scoliosis. There is no muscle wasting. Incision and dissection of the skin and soft tissues of the posterior neck, lower back and buttocks, and extremities reveals no occult lesions.

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**CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM**

The aorta is elastic and even in caliber throughout its length. The distribution of the vessels from the aorta is unremarkable. The internal surface of the aorta is lined with tan-yellow streaks and tan-white, calcified plaques. There is no aneurysm. The major branches of the aorta show no abnormality. Within the pericardial sac there is 50 ml of serous fluid. The heart weighs 400 gm. Its configuration demonstrates left ventricular hypertrophy. The right ventricle is 1.9 cm thick and the left ventricle is 0.8 cm thick. The chambers are unremarkable and without mural thrombosis. The valves are thin, competent, and without vegetation. The circumferences of the valve rings are: tricuspid valve 12 cm, pulmonary valve 7 cm, mitral valve 10 cm, and aortic valve 7 cm. The endocardium is not discolored. There are no infarcts of the myocardium. The apices of the papillary musculature are unremarkable. There are no defects of the atrial or ventricular septae. The great vessels enter into and leave from the expected chambers. The coronary ostia are widely patent. The right coronary artery is the dominant vessel. There are tan-yellow, rubbery atherosclerotic plaques with 50% luminal narrowing of the left anterior descending and 25% narrowing of the right coronary arteries. There are no focal lesions involving the myocardium. The blood within the heart and great vessels is liquid.

**RESPIRATORY SYSTEM**

There is no blood, edema fluid, foam, exudate, or gastric contents found in the upper respiratory or lower bronchial passages. The mucosa is intact and pale. The lungs are crepitant. The left lung weighs 450 gm. The right lung weighs 425 gm. The visceral pleurae are smooth and intact. The pulmonary parenchyma is congested and edematous. Thrombo-emboli are not present within the pulmonary artery.

**GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM**

The esophagus is intact. The stomach is not distended. It contains 125 ml of green-black, thinly viscous fluid. Tablets and capsules cannot be discerned within the stomach. The granular mucosa has a 1.5 x 1 cm perforated ulcer of the antrum near the pylorus. The in situ and opened appearances of the intestine and colon are unremarkable. The appendix is present. The pancreas occupies its usual position with no necrosis. The parenchyma is unremarkable.

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**HEPATOBIILIARY SYSTEM**

The liver weighs 1500 gm. The capsule is intact and the parenchyma is red-brown and soft. The cut surfaces are smooth with an unremarkable lobular arrangement. The gallbladder is present. It contains over 10 ml of bile and no calculi. The extra-hepatic ducts are not obstructed or dilated.

**URINARY SYSTEM**

The left and right kidneys weigh 100 gm each. The kidneys are situated as usual and the capsules strip easily revealing surfaces that are granular. The cortico-medullary demarcation is preserved. The pyramids are unremarkable. The peri-pelvic fat is not increased. The ureters are without dilatation or obstruction and pursue their usual courses. The urinary bladder is smooth. It contains no urine.

**GENITAL SYSTEM**

The uterus and adnexal structures are symmetric. The fallopian tubes are unremarkable. The endometrium is thin and smooth. Sectioning the myometrium reveals no lesions. The ovaries are unremarkable.

**HEMOLYMPHATIC SYSTEM**

The spleen weighs 150 gm. The capsule is smooth. The parenchyma is dark red and soft. There is no increased follicular pattern. Lymph nodes throughout the body are small and inconspicuous. The thymus is not present in the anterior mediastinum.

**ENDOCRINE SYSTEM**

The thyroid gland is smooth and symmetric. The parathyroid glands are not identified. The adrenal glands and pituitary gland are unremarkable.

**HEAD AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM**

There is no subgaleal hemorrhage in the scalp. The external periosteum and dura mater are stripped showing no fractures of the calvarium or base of the skull. There are no tears of the dura mater. There is no epidural, subdural, or subarachnoid hemorrhage. The brain weighs 1525 gm. The leptomeninges are thin and transparent. An unremarkable convoluted pattern is observed. Coronal sectioning demonstrates uniformity of the cortical gray thickness. The cerebral hemispheres are symmetrical. There is no softening, discoloration, or

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hemorrhage within the white matter. The basal ganglia are intact. Anatomic landmarks are preserved. Cerebral contusions are not present. The ventricular system is symmetric. The pons, medulla, and cerebellum are unremarkable. There is no evidence of uncal or cerebellar herniation. The cranial nerves are intact and symmetrical in size, location, and course. The distribution of the vessels at the base of the brain is unremarkable. The cerebral arteries have no plaque formation along the segments or bifurcation sites.

**HISTOLOGIC SECTIONS**

Representative sections from various organs are preserved in one storage jar of 10 formalin. Sections of tissues are submitted for slides.

**TOXICOLOGY**

Bile, blood, gastric contents, liver, and vitreous fluid have been submitted to the lab. A Comprehensive screen has been requested.

**RADIOLOGY**

Five radiographs are obtained of the head, neck, and torso.

**WITNESSES**

Los Angeles Police Department personnel witnessed the autopsy.

**DIAGRAMS USED**

Diagram form #20 was used during the performance of the autopsy. The diagram is not intended to be a facsimile.



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## OPINION

This 49-year-old woman, Laila Safoari, died of a perforated peptic ulcer. At autopsy, the body was found to be in good health with blood in her small intestine. Multiple medical conditions were found. The cause of death is natural.

*Scott A. Luzi*

SCOTT A. LUZI, M.D.

DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

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*Scott A. Luzi*  
DEPUTY

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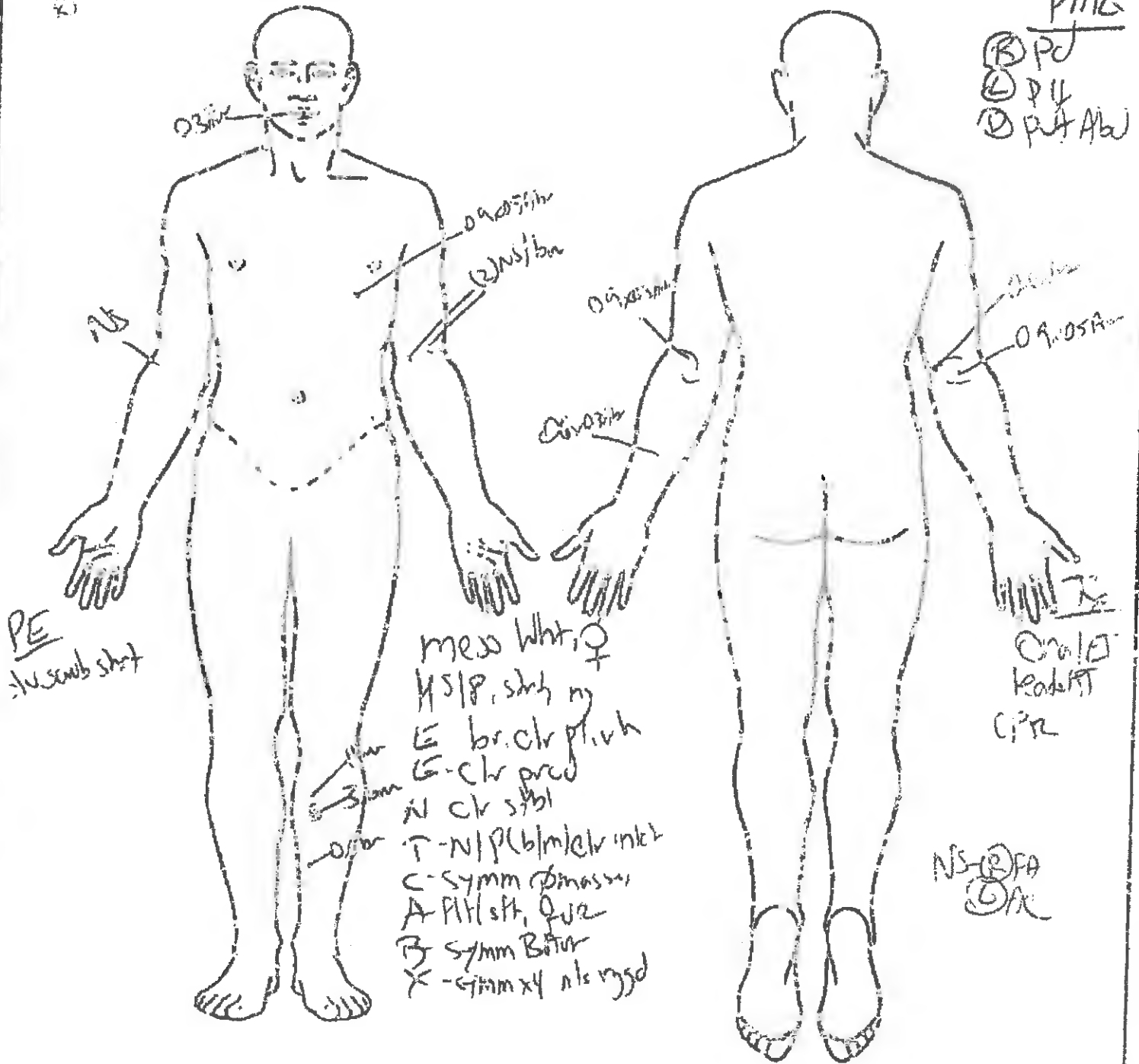
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Right Thumbprint

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Los Angeles, California

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Slide key: 1- pituitary gland, upper lobe of right lung, liver; 2- thyroid gland, heart, middle lobe of right lung; 3- lower lobe of right lung, right adrenal gland, right kidney; 4- upper lobe of left lung, left adrenal gland, left kidney; 5- lower lobe of left lung, spleen, pancreas

Findings

Endocrine system: pituitary gland with no significant pathology; thyroid gland with autolysis and no significant pathology; adrenal glands with no significant pathology

Respiratory system: lungs with vascular congestion, airspace atelectasis, and pigment-laden macrophages (siderophages)

Hepatobiliary system: liver with no significant pathology

Cardiovascular system: myocardium with myocyte hypertrophy

Genitourinary system: kidneys with autolytic tubules and no significant pathology

Hemolymphatic system: spleen with no significant pathology

Gastrointestinal system: pancreas with autolysis and no significant pathology

Diagnoses

- Chronic pulmonary congestion
- Cardiomegaly

Scott Luzi, M.D.  
Deputy Medical Examiner

Date:

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**EXTERNAL EXAM**

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Teeth  
Mouth  
Tongue  
Nose  
Chest  
Breasts  
Abdomen  
Scar  
Genitals  
Edema  
Skin  
Decubitus

**HEART WL**

Pericardium  
Hypertrophy  
Dilation  
Muscle  
Valves  
Coronaries

**AORTA****VESSELS****LUNGS WL**

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Oedema  
Congestion  
Consolidation  
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**Nodes****PHARYNX****TRACHEA****THYROID****THYMUS****LARYNX****HYOID****ABDOMINAL WALL FAT****PERITONEUM**

Fluid  
Adhesions

**LIVER WL**

Capsule  
Lobules  
Fibros

**G B**

Calculus  
Bile ducts

**SPLEEN WL**

Color  
Consistency  
Capsule  
Malpiment

**PANCREAS****ADRENALS****KIDNEYS WL****R****L**

Capsule  
Cortex  
Vessels  
Pelvis  
Ureters

**BLADDER****GENITALIA**

Prostate  
Testes  
Uterus  
Tubes  
Ovaries

**OESOPHAGUS****STOMACH**

Contents

**DUOD. & SM. INT.****APPENDIX****LARGE INT.****ABDOM. NODES****SKELETON**

Spine  
Marrow  
Rib Cage  
Long bones  
Pelvis

**SCALP****CALVARIUM****BRAIN WL**

Dura  
Fluid  
Ventricles  
Vessels  
Middle ears  
Other

**PITUITARY****SPINAL CORD****TOXICOLOGY SPECIMENS****SECTIONS FOR  
HISTOPATHOLOGY****MICROBIOLOGY****DIAGRAMS  
X-RAYS****OTHER PROCEDURES****GROSS IMPRESSIONS**

Date

11/13/20

Time

0900

Deputy Medical Examiner

WZ



Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner, County of Los Angeles

# FORENSIC SCIENCE LABORATORIES

1104 North Mission Road, Los Angeles, CA 90033

## Laboratory Analysis Summary Report



Luzi, Scott M.D.

Deputy Medical Examiner  
1104 North Mission Road  
Los Angeles, CA 90033

*SM 3/13/20*

✓ Pending Tox

Coroner Case Number: 2020-00413 Decedent: SAFDARI, LAILA

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>DRUG</u>	<u>RESULT</u>	<u>ANALYST</u>
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### Alcohol Quantitation/Confirmation

Blood, Femoral

Alcohol-GC/FID-HS	Ethanol	Negative	A Chavez
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Blood, Heart

Alcohol-GC/FID-HS	Ethanol	0.022 %	A Chavez
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Vitreous

Alcohol-GC/FID-HS	Ethanol	Negative	A Chavez
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### Drug Screen

Blood, Heart

ELISA-Immunoassay	Benzodiazepines	ND	J. Posada
ELISA-Immunoassay	Cocaine and Metabolites	ND	J. Posada
ELISA-Immunoassay	Fentanyl	ND	J. Posada
ELISA-Immunoassay	Marijuana: 11-nor-Delta-9-Carboxy-THC	PP	J. Posada
ELISA-Immunoassay	Methamphetamine & MDMA	PP	J. Posada
ELISA-Immunoassay	Opiates: Codeine & Morphine	ND	J. Posada
ELISA-Immunoassay	Opiates: Hydrocodone & Hydromorphone	ND	J. Posada
ELISA-Immunoassay	Phencyclidine	ND	J. Posada

### Drug Screen/Confirmation

Blood, Femoral

Sympath. Amines-GC/MS	Amphetamine	0.03 ug/mL	D. Van Cleave
Sympath. Amines-GC/MS	Ephedrine	ND	D. Van Cleave
Sympath. Amines-GC/MS	Methamphetamine	0.09 ug/mL	D. Van Cleave
Sympath. Amines-GC/MS	Methylenedioxymphetamine (MDA)	ND	D. Van Cleave
Sympath. Amines-GC/MS	Methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA)	ND	D. Van Cleave
Sympath. Amines-GC/MS	Pseudoephedrine	ND	D. Van Cleave

Blood, Heart

Bases-GC/NPD &/or MS	Basic Drugs	ND	M. Liehl
Cannabinoids-LC/MS/MS	11-nor-Delta-9-Carboxy-THC, Free	Present	C Castellino

Print Date: *SM* March 3, 2020

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SPECIMEN	SERVICE	DRUG	RESULT	ANALYST
	Cannabinoids-LC/MS/MS	Delta 9-Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), Free	ND	C. Castellino
	Sympath. Amines-GC/MS	Amphetamine	0.10 ug/mL	D. Van Cleave
	Sympath. Amines-GC/MS	Ephedrine	ND	D. Van Cleave
	Sympath. Amines-GC/MS	Methamphetamine	0.23 ug/mL	D. Van Cleave
	Sympath. Amines-GC/MS	Methylenedioxymphetamine (MDA)	ND	D. Van Cleave
	Sympath. Amines-GC/MS	Methylenedioxymphetamine (MDMA)	ND	D. Van Cleave
	Sympath. Amines-GC/MS	Pseudoephedrine	ND	D. Van Cleave

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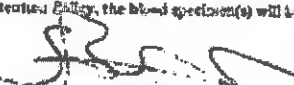
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mg	Milligrams	PP	Presumptive Positive	ug-g	Micrograms per Gram
		QNS	Quantity Not Sufficient	ug/mL	Micrograms per Milliliter

The alcohol analysis was performed in accordance to California Code of Regulations "Title 17" compliance by a qualified analyst in the Forensic Toxicology Laboratory, Forensic Laboratories Division, County of Los Angeles Department of Medical Examiner - Coroner.

Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) provides only a preliminary analytical result that is contingent upon a confirmatory test. A "presumptive positive" (PP) signifies a detection of a drug class and must be confirmed by additional testing for true identification and/or quantitation of specific drug(s) present in the specimen.

For the Department's Evidence Retention Policy, the blood specimen(s) will be retained for one year (minimum) and all other specimens six months (minimum) from Autopsy.

Final Review By:

  
Sarah Buxton de Quintana  
Supervising Criminalist I

Date: 3/3/20

The above results relate only to the items sampled and tested and have been technically and administratively reviewed and are the opinions and conclusions of the analysis note. The final review has been certified by the noted Toxicologist to ensure that all standard operating procedures were followed as set by the Forensic Toxicology Laboratory, Forensic Sciences Laboratory Division, County of Los Angeles Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner.



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## CASE REPORT

DEPARTMENT OF CORONER

APPARENT MODE

NATURAL

CASE NO

2020-00413

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

In Custody

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LAST FIRST MIDDLE

SAFDARI, LAILA

AKA

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ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

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RACE

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AGE

HGT

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EYES

HAIR

TEETH

DENTAL

VIEW

CONDITION

FEMALE

BLACK

6/3 1970

49

67 in

125 lb

BROWN

GRAY

INCOMPLETE

NONE

Yes

FAIR

MARK TYPE

MARK LOCATION

MARK DESCRIPTION

NONE

POB

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

AKIN SAFDARI

1437 W 3RD STREET #304

LOS ANGELES

CA

90017

RELATIONSHIP

PHONE

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RYAN BENAVIDEZ-PARRAZ

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PLACE OF DEATH PLACE FOUND

JAIL

ADDRESS OR LOCATION

7600 S. BROADWAY

LOS ANGELES

90003

PLACE OF INJURY

AT WORK

DATE

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LOCATION OR ADDRESS

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1/14/2020 14:40

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LAFD RA33, CPT. LINDSEY

OTHER AGENCY INV OFFICER

LAPD FORCE INVESTIGATION DIV - DETECTIVE T (213) 486-0144

TRANSPORTED BY

HUGO MARTINEZ

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LOS ANGELES FSC

1/14/2020 14:03

FINGERPRINTS?

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CLOTHING

Yes

RARPT

No

MORTUARY

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No

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SEAL TYPE

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No

PHYS EV

Yes

EVIDENCE LOG

Yes

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Yes

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No

SUICIDE NOTE

No

GSR NO

RCPT NO

301812

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## SYNOPSIS

The decedent is a 50 y o female with no known medical history. Per family, the decedent had been a transient for the last few years and may have been involved in using illicit drugs. On 01/13/2020 at 1050 hours, the decedent had been arrested for trespassing and refusing to leave a private property. The decedent was handcuffed with no additional force used and then taken to the jail at 14th Street Police Station. During most of the decedent's stay, she was a one in the temporary housing area. On 01/14/2020 at approximately 0630 hours, the decedent was told by jail personnel to prepare to be seen in court and started complaining of chest pains. She was taken down to the Medical Unit Treatment room for evaluation and shortly after went unresponsive and into cardiac arrest. Despite jail and EMS personnel resuscitation, the decedent was pronounced dead at the scene. The decedent had a past DUI arrest.

RYAN BENAVIDEZ-PARRAZ  
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DATE

1/16/2020

INVESTIGATOR

TIME

10:12

FORM #3 NARRATIVE TO FOLLOW? ✓



County of Los Angeles, Department of Coroner  
Investigator's Narrative



Case Number: 2020-00413

Decedent: SAFDARI, LAILA

**Information Sources:**

- 1.) LAPD Force Investigation Division – Detective Brown #34045
- 2.) Ali Safdari and Akin Safdari, decedent's sons

**Investigation:**

On 01/14/2020 at 1001 hours, Detective Brown from LAPD Force Investigation Division placed a first call reporting the death of Laila Safdari to Clerk Elisha Lovio at the Los Angeles County Medical Examiner-Coroner reporting desk. At 1200 hours, the scene was determined ready for Coroner personnel and Lt. Rudy Molano assigned me this case for field investigation. Lt. Rudy Molano and Captain Emily Tauscher accompanied me at the scene. I arrived at the location at 1237 hours and departed at 1338 hours. Forensic Attendant Hugo Martinez assisted with the removal and transportation of the decedent to the Forensic Science Center.

A JDIC search revealed a past DUI arrest.

**Location:**

Death: Jail at 77<sup>th</sup> St. Police Station – 7600 S. Broadway, Los Angeles CA 90003

**Informant/Witness Statements:**

At the scene, I met with Detective Brown from LAPD Force Investigation Division and he relayed the following information: On 01/13/2020 at 1050 hours, the decedent had been arrested for trespassing and refusing to leave private property. The decedent was handcuffed with no additional force used and then taken to the jail at 77<sup>th</sup> Street Police Station. The decedent was initially placed in the processing area and then fully processed at 1230 hours. The decedent was taken to a temporary housing area with two other individuals. After approximately 2-3 hours, the two individuals left the location and the decedent was alone. On 01/14/2020 at approximately 0630 hours, the decedent was told by jail personnel to prepare to be seen in court. The decedent started complaining of chest pains and was taken down to the Medical Unit Treatment room for evaluation. During her evaluation, the decedent went unresponsive and into cardiac arrest. CPR was initiated by medical staff and EMS personnel were dispatched to the scene. Despite continued EMS personnel resuscitation, the decedent was pronounced dead by Captain Lindsey from Los Angeles City Fire Department Rescue Ambulance 33. No medical history was known.

On 01/16/2020, I spoke with the decedent's sons, Ali Safdari and Akin Safdar, at the Forensic Science Center. They relayed the following information: The decedent had no known medical history. For the last few years, the decedent had been a transient and may have been involved in using illicit drugs.

**Scene Description:**

The scene is the 77<sup>th</sup> Street Police Station at the above location. The decedent was in the underground jail section of the police station. The decedent was found inside the Medical Unit Treatment room. She was supine on the floor with her feet facing in the south direction. North of the decedent was a black cushioned chair, trashcans filled with used resuscitative equipment supplies, a portable oxygen bottle, blood pressure monitor, and cart with basic medical supplies. Directly east of the decedent was a nursing desk with a computer and a time stamping device. A brown blanket was draped over the decedent's groin. Another blanket was partially underneath the decedent's head. No drug paraphernalia located at the scene.

**Evidence:**

Lt. Rudy Molano collected a fingernail evidence kit at the scene on 01/14/2020 at 1303 hours.

Lt. Rudy Molano collected a hair evidence kit at the scene on 01/14/2020 at 1305 hours.



County of Los Angeles, Department of Coroner  
Investigator's Narrative



Case Number: 2020-00413

Decedent: SAFDARI, LAILA

**Body Examination:**

The decedent was viewed at the scene as a female Caucasian with incomplete teeth, gray hair, and brown eyes. She was clothed in a blue shirt. Rigor mortis was observed at a 2 throughout her body at 1255 hours. Livor mortis blanched under light pressure and appeared consistent with the position she was found in. An endotracheal tube was present to the mouth and held in place by an endotracheal tube holder around her head. Defibrillator and EKG patches were seen to the anterior chest. An inmate identification band was seen to the left wrist. An intravenous access site was seen to the left antecubital fossa. No discernible evidence of external trauma was noted. No scars or tattoos were seen.

**Identification:**

The decedent was positively identified as Laila Safdari DOB: 06/03/1970, through AFIS - LACRIS, DOJ, and FBI fingerprints on 01/14/2019.

**Next of Kin Notification:**

I notified the decedent's son, Akin Safdari, of his mother's death by phone on 01/14/2020 at 1440 hours.

**Tissue Donation:**

Not addressed.

**Autopsy Notification:**

No law enforcement autopsy notification requested

  
RYAN BENAVIDEZ-PARRAZ

  
SUPERVISOR

01/16/2020

Date of Report

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Property Released — Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM  
Closed Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date 1/14/2020Case # 2222-172463Name SAFARIFees LAWS☐ ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS # \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSONAL EFFECTS:

U.S. Cash: 3

Dollars

Keepsake/Foreign Monies

Item	No	Yes	City	Description	To: Note	Item	No	Yes	City	Number	To: Note
Wallet						Driver's License					
Purse						Soc. Security					
Misc. Papers						Passport					
Address						Military I.D. Ver. Card					
Business Note						Immig. Card					
Clothes						P.F. Card					
Keys						Blank Checks					

The following identification documents are routinely returned to the issuing agencies: California Driver's License, California Identification Cards, Immigration Cards, Passports and Military I.D. Cards.

## Watches, Jewelry &amp; Other Items

Credit Cards, Traveler's Checks and Checks for Decedent  
(List bank acct. nos., amount, card name and no.)(3) GOLD BRACELETS(2) BEADED NECKLACES(1) WILLI CARLINS & HILLMAN STONE(4) BEADED BRACELETS(1) BLUE SWIM BRACELET(1) BROWN LEATHER BRACELET(1) GRAY LINED BRACELET(1) WHITE LEATHER & RED BEAD BRACELET(1) ROPE BRACELET(1) WILLI BRACELET (SOLID)(1) BLACK BRACELET (SOLID)(2) METAL BRACELETS(1) BROWN BRACELET (SOLID)

## WITNESS DECLARATION: UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, I DECLARE:

☒ The above list is all the property found on the body, clothing or adjacent area to the above named decedent and was checked by me in the presence of the witnesses signed below.☒ Absent: I certify all the property of the above indicated decedent after the body, clothing or adjacent area had been checked prior to my arrivalSignature [Signature] Print Name & Title E. PATRICK WJWitness Sign [Signature] 34015 Print Name & Title THOMAS BROWN LAPD FTO DET.

Address &amp; Agency \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name &amp; Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address &amp; Agency \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

## DECLARATION FOR RELEASE OF PROPERTY IN THE FIELD:

The above indicated personal effects were released to me by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name &amp; Title \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

## DECLARATION FOR RELEASE OF PROPERTY TO FAMILY:

The above listed property was delivered to me by E. PATRICK of the Property Section of the Dept. of Coroner, Los Angeles CountySignature [Signature] Print Name Ali SafdariRelationship Son Date 1/14/20 Phone (323) 507-1688Address 2101 Judson City LA ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PROPERTY WILL NOT BE RELEASED WITHOUT AFFIDAVIT PURSUANT TO SECTION 650 PROBATE CODE OR LETTERS TESTAMENTARY.

## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

## ORDER FOR RELEASE - ORDEN DE ENTREGA

DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER

Please read and answer all questions before signing

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Was the decedent legally married at the time of death?  
 Does the decedent have any living adult children?  
 Does the decedent have any living minor children?  
 Does the decedent have any living parents?

Yes ✓ No ✓  
 Yes ✓ No ✓  
 Yes ✓ No ✓  
 Yes ✓ No ✓

Case No.  
 Case Name

Laila safdari

Case #  
 2020-00413

Favor de leer y contestar todas las preguntas antes de firmar

¿El difunto ha sido casado legalmente?  
 ¿El difunto tiene hijos adultos?  
 ¿El difunto tiene hijos menores de edad vivientes?  
 ¿El difunto tiene padres vivientes?

SI NO  
 SI NO  
 SI NO  
 SI NO

## HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE - § 7100 - CUSTODY AND DUTY OF INTERMENT

"WARNING: The person signing this Order for Release is liable for all damages caused by any untruthful statements contained in this document. (Health and Safety Code Section 7110). It is also a criminal offense to knowingly file a false statement with a government agency. (Penal Code Section 115 and 470)"

The right to control the disposition of the remains of a deceased person unless other directions have been given by the decedent pursuant to Section 7100.1, vests in, and the duty of disposition and the liability for the reasonable cost of disposition of the remains devolves upon, the following in the order named: (1) An agent under a power of attorney for health care who has the right and duty of disposition under Division 4.7 (commencing with Section 4600) of the Probate Code; (2) The competent surviving spouse; (3) The sole surviving competent adult child of the decedent or if there is more than one competent adult child of the decedent, the majority of the surviving competent adult children; (4) The surviving competent parent or parents of the decedent. If one of the surviving competent parents is absent, the remaining competent parent shall be vested with the rights and duties of this section after reasonable efforts have been unsuccessful in locating the absent surviving competent parent; (5) The sole surviving competent adult sibling of the decedent or, if there is more than one surviving competent adult sibling of the decedent, the majority of the surviving competent adult siblings; (6) The surviving competent adult person or persons respectively in the next degrees of kinship; (7) A conservator of the person or estate appointed under Part 3 (commencing with Section 1800) of Division 4 of the Probate Code when the decedent has sufficient assets; (8) The public administrator when the decedent has sufficient assets.

Therefore please release the body upon completion of your death investigation of said deceased to:

Tulip Cremation FD 2322

NAME OF NEXT-OF-KIN

Ali Safdari

SON

RELATIONSHIP

ali safdari

NEXT-OF-KIN'S SIGNATURE

ADDRESS OF NEXT-OF-KIN

(PLEASE PRINT FULL ADDRESS)

1407 w third street #304 los angeles california 900017

3235071486

01 / 24 / 2020

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

DATE SIGNED

IF THE LEGAL NEXT-OF-KIN IS NOT HANDLING, PLEASE ENTER NEXT-OF-KIN INFORMATION BELOW AND EXPLAIN WHY THEY ARE NOT HANDLING. ATTACH SUPPORTING AUTHORIZATION

NAME

RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS, CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE

TELEPHONE NUMBER

## CÓDIGO SALUD Y SEGURIDAD - § 7100 - CUSTODIA Y OBLIGACIÓN DE ENTERRIO

"AVISO: La persona que firma este documento será responsable de su contenido y responderá por cualquier daño(s) producido de cualquier información falsa contenida en el mismo. (Sección 7110 Del Código De Salud y Seguridad) Además, es una ofensa criminal proveer información falsa a propósito a una entidad del gobierno. Código Penal Sección 115 y 470"

El derecho a controlar la disposición de los restos de una persona fallecida, el deber de la disposición y la responsabilidad por el costo razonable de la disposición corresponde a los siguientes en el orden indicado abajo, a menos que otras direcciones hayan sido dadas por el difunto de acuerdo con la Sección 7100.1, y (1) Un agente con un poder notarial para decisiones de la salud, el cual tiene el derecho y el deber de la disposición conforme a la División 4.7 (comenzando con la Sección 4600) del Código de Sucesiones; (2) El cónyuge sobreviviente competente; (3) El único hijo sobreviviente adulto competente del difunto o, si hay más de un hijo adulto competente, el consenso de la mayoría de los hijos adultos sobrevivientes competentes; (4) El padre sobreviviente competente o a los padres del difunto. Si uno de los padres competentes supervivientes está ausente, el padre competente presente se le concederá a los derechos y deberes de esta sección siempre y cuando esfuerzos razonables para localizar al padre ausente no han tenido éxito; (5) El único hermano adulto sobreviviente competente del difunto o, si hay más de un hermano adulto sobreviviente competente del difunto, el consenso de la mayoría de los hermanos adultos sobrevivientes competentes; (6) El sobreviviente adulto competente o personas, en los grados de parentesco próximo; (7) Si el difunto tiene activos suficientes, un tutor del individuo o de la propiedad, designado de acuerdo a la parte 3 (comenzando con la Sección 1800) del 4º Capítulo del Código de Sucesiones; (8) El administrador público cuando el fallecido tiene activos suficientes.

Por lo tanto, tras la finalización de la investigación de la muerte del susodicho individuo, favor de entregar sus restos a:

NOMBRE DE FUNERARIA

NOMBRE DE PARTICIPANTE (Escriba en letras de molde)

PARTICIPANTE

FECHA DE PARTICIPANTE

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SI USTED NO ES EL PARIENTE PRÓXIMO DE ACUERDO A LA LEY, FIRME Y EXPLIQUE PORQUE EL PARIENTE PRÓXIMO NO ESTÁ HACIENDO LOS TRÁMITES EN ESTE ASUNTO. SI ES EL ALBACEA DEL TESTAMENTO, FAVOR DE INCLUIR UNA COPIA DEL MISMO JUNTO A ESTE DOCUMENTO.

PARIENTE PRÓXIMO

PARTICIPANTE

DIRECCIÓN / CIUDAD / ESTADO / CÓDIGO POSTAL

NÚMERO DE TELÉFONO